

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho has regularly dealt with the presence of unwanted noxious weeds that are not native to the state and that by which of their invasive nature pose a genuine danger to the well being of the state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers, commercial greenhouse and nursery owners, ranches, recreational groups, government and industry clearly acknowledge the economic and environmental dangers posed to their continued economic and social well being by the presence of invasive weeds; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers, ranchers, government, private sector entities, state agencies and conservation groups unanimously support implementation of all aspects of integrated weed management; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has launched an intensive "Pull Together" Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign to help educate Idaho citizens about the economic and environmental impacts of invasive weeds; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign is being directed by a committee formed from state and federal agencies, universities and scientists of the region, industry and conservation groups, and private landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign will provide Idahoans young and old with formal and informal education, information and knowledge about aspects of how integrated weed management can stop the spread of invasive weeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby officially kick off the

IDAHO WEED AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

in Idaho, and strongly encourage all Idahoans to help develop and participate in invasive weed eradication and management programs, and to assist is preventing the spread of invasive weeds thereby reducing the threat to the economic, social and environmental well being of our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA SECRETARY OF STATE